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My dear Edith-

Your letter received this morning- and I am hasten to ans. Katie Arrived home last eve- she is improved in health: and is now rushing me and herself to get ready to go to Chicago. will leave this week or monday if she can get ready. I had to do her washing to day- and she is trying to iron some and want me to do the rest to day for her & tell her no. I have already overdone to day; she has taken a dress to the cleaners to be cleaned and has ripped up a shirt: to be

washed and made over, she has a new satin skirt which she got before going to Columbus - She says Jennie ordered her dad to get her one just like it and a new big black hat. Katie says Jennie is well and fat and purfectly lazy - does nothing but eat and fan herself and laugh and entertain her sweet-heart. Mr Head she says he is nice and Katie says she too likes him. and they are happy as two children when together and that is half of their time, she tells him every thing and lets him read all her letters Her old dad is living right there he has just sold out a large meat shop that brought him an income of $15.00 per day

by her shrewdness = Mr Head said he and J were coming to Cleveland and Pittsburgh during the Holidays to visit. I am glad to learn of you being out with the widower but sorry the sister did not stay at home. leave her at home next time. You don't have to come home to do any canning and must not in view of what is now before us.

Bro Frank writes that he is going to send me peaches and some other fruit this week so I will have to take care of it: and glad to have it too. I have canned 7 qts of Lima and several pints of plums - Fruit is abundant here and higher priced this week than last - I paid 20c for ½ bu Tomatoes - I am not buying any this week. for I am expecting

He owns a horse and buggy and drives about. wanted to take Katie and Jennie to the depot in it but they preferred walking he would come and take dinner with K. and Jenny day and paid their bills, but only gave Katie five dollars while Steve did not pay her railroad fare. he wanted her to stay much longer so as to keep her away from me. even took her ticket from her and detained her in that way for some time. She says he lies in a room and takes his breakfast and supper in his room, and looks as if he was half starved. Katie says she cannot bear him. neither can Jen but Jen flatters him and pretends to like him so she gets her living out of him

a day. I am all the time
since you were here troubled
with that bloody discharge
with backache and some
times pain in my head I
did not tell the Dr of these
symptoms, I had heard of the
changes to be made at the
asylum and many have
left some time ago but I
cannot even go to see
Mamie any way -
I went out to Atchisons
Monday not for dinner no indeed
and he gave me five dollars
he was not there when I
went was down town to see
the Soldiers come home. baby
was naturally afraid of me
I took it a present and
Mrs Sarah a lovely bonquet
I will tell you all the rest
some time when I see you

come from Frank. my love I don't know what I will do if Katie leaves me. she says for me to go to Pillsbury to you - she says she will not come back if she gets a position in Chicago. We have some money and enough to eat at present. Katie is calling for me to come and iron her white waist. so I must stop. it seems I have lots to tell you for I am not nearly done yet - my ironing done and I must harken.

I am about as I was when you were here the rash and boils are on my face and hands and neck. I succeeded in getting the felon back with the hot water, I went to see Dr H last sat. he gave me poison to take three times

neglect your business
for any pleasure.
Excuse haste as I am
not only hurried but
worried.

As ever your
Loving Father
E. A. H.

A letter received from the
McIntosh Hunting co today
wants Katie to tell them
what she intends doing as
they are needing her. but
she will not own thyme
and is determined to go to
Chicago in spite of all
my remonstrance
This is the week of the Kirtan
Fair and Frank is very
busy so I may not get
my fruit. I know I could not if
old Nagg can hinder it.

as I have not time to write it now. Archie is down and looks distressed and it is no wonder for he is ragged and henpecked all the time by his boss — my heart aches for him. He is to come and see me on the 22 and give me some money as I have been in their charge for the last time. Mary L has been to Cambridge here for a two weeks vacation. Archie attended the picnic. There were two deaths in the fire department recently & I took ten of Archies wages. — all I hope you can attend those entertainments you speak of but in view of our present outlook don't